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~~[0019] Figure 6 is another view of the initial-centring module, with a tube-round of a different shape;~~

[0020] Figure 7 is another view of the initial-centring module with a tube-round;

[0021] Figure 8 is a schematic pictorial view of the "sword" of the initial-centring module;

[0022] Figure 9 is a view of the centring and welding module;

[0023] Figure 10 shows another embodiment of the centring and welding module roller adjacent to the welding zone;

[0024] Figure 11 shows an illustration of the internal rest in the welding zone, and

[0025] Figure 12 is a side view of the tube welding machine being used for welding tapered tubes.

Description of the Preferred Embodiments

[0026] Figure 1 shows a schematic side view of a machine 1 for welding preformed tube-rounds 7 into tubes 9. This machine is of modular construction, and has a number of modules arranged on a common carrier device, which in the drawing comprises a rail 6. In the illustrated example, a lead-in module 2 can be seen, into which the preformed tube-round 7 can be inserted, and which conveys